

What is claimed is:

1. A method for remotely controlling vehicle functions using a cell phone, comprising:
activating a walkie-talkie mode on the cell phone;
5 selecting a vehicle function to be controlled on a vehicle;
sending a message from the cell phone to a receiver associated with the vehicle;
receiving the message at the receiver associated with the vehicle;
activating the vehicle function on the vehicle.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the vehicle function is a vehicle light function.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the vehicle function is a vehicle lock function.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the vehicle function is an ignition function.
- 15 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the vehicle function is a trunk release function.
6. The method of claim 1 wherein the vehicle function is a vehicle alarm function.
- 20 7. A system for remotely controlling vehicle functions using a cell phone, comprising:
a vehicle;
at least one cell phone adapted to establish walkie-talkie type connections;
a receiver unit disposed within the vehicle, the receiver unit comprising a receiver adapted
to receiver walkie-talkie communications from the at least one cell phone, an
25 intelligent control operatively connected to the receiver for receiving vehicle
function control messages, the intelligent control operatively connected to one or
more vehicle controls such that the intelligent control is adapted to control the
vehicle functions.
- 30 8. The system of claim 7 wherein the intelligent control is programmed to control a
vehicle light function.

9. The system of claim 7 wherein the intelligent control is programmed to control a vehicle lock function.

5 10. The system of claim 7 wherein the intelligent control is programmed to control an ignition function.

11. The system of claim 7 wherein the intelligent control is programmed to control a trunk release function.

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12. The system of claim 7 wherein the intelligent control is programmed to control a vehicle alarm function.